

said."

"Oh, yes, I remember; break up school."
 "Why does she do that?" I asked.
 "Because her health is broken into."
 "Broken down."
 "Broken down? Oh, Yes. And, indeed, since fever has broken up in her town—"
 "Broken out."
 "She thinks she will leave it for a few weeks."

"Will she leave her house alone?"
 "No; she is afraid it will be broken—broken—how do I say that?"

"Broken into."
 "Certainly; it is what I meant to say."
 "Is her son to be married soon?"
 "No that engagement is broken—broken"
 "Broken off."
 "Ah, I had not heard that!"

"She is very sorry about it. Her son only broke the news down to her last week. Am I right?"

"He merely broke the news; no preposition this time."

"It is hard to understand. That young man, her son, is a fine young fellow—a breaker, I think."

"A breaker and a fine fellow. Good day."
 So much for the verb "break."—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

"Compassion one of Another."

A little thought will show you how vastly your own happiness depends on the way other people bear themselves toward you.

The looks and tones at your breakfast-table, the conduct of your fellow workers or employers, the faithful or unreliable men you deal with, what people say to you on the street, the way your cook and housemaid do their work, the letters you get, the friends or foes you meet—these things make up very much of the pleasure or misery of your day. Turn the idea around, and remember that just so much are you adding to the pleasure or the misery of other people's days. And this is the half of the matter which you can control. Whether any particular day shall bring to you more of happiness or of suffering is largely beyond your power to determine. Whether each day of your life shall give happiness or suffering rests with yourself.—George S. Merriam.

The Gain of Suffering.

The apostle, in writing of the Captain of our salvation, said that He was made perfect through sufferings. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. His life was one of toil, poverty, privation. Notwithstanding it all, there was a joy set before him which inspired Him to endure the cross and despise the shame. Therefore, as children and heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ, we are called to suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. The fruit of the Spirit develops and ripens more rapidly in the shade of trial or sorrow than in the sunshine of health and prosperity. It becomes the divine Husbandman to cut back and prune with severity the branches of the true vine that they may bring forth more fruit. We are in school under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the Father. Many of the lessons we receive are hard and test our faith and patience to the utmost, but if we "endure as seeing the invisible," the cloud, as it passes, will wear a silver lining, and at eventide it shall be light.—Christian Uplook.

The man who finds fault with the Church is usually the man who has done least to improve its condition.

Our Young People

Sept. 18. The World Improving.

Some Bible Hints.

Evil forms within itself its own poison, but righteousness forms within itself its own food (Ps. 37: 2).

There is a time to be patient—when God is at work; and impatient—when the devil is at work (Ps. 37: 7).

Let evil men make the earth as fine as they please; they are heaping up riches for the good to inherit (Ps. 37: 9).

To say that "former days were better than these" (Ecl. 7: 10), is to say that God is growing less mighty, and His servants less efficient in His strength.

Suggestive Thoughts.

If a man is growing better, he is likely to think that the world is growing better; but if worse, that the world is getting worse.

The world is growing more generous; more money—that is, life—is given each year for good objects than during any former year.

The world is growing more loving—more thoughtful of the weak, the sick, and the sorrowing, and less ready to go to war.

The world is learning more about itself each year, and more about God, who is the only solution of the enigma of itself.

A Few Illustrations.

Who can say just when the night ceases and day begins? Equally gradual is the passing away of moral darkness.

Some count the spots on the sun, and forget the night which the sun has banished.

If you want to prove the world's motion, you must look off at the stars. If you want to see the moral progress of the world, look away from the world.

Those that live with a child do not notice his growth so much as those that see the child but seldom. Worldlings are the last to see the growth of the world.

To Think About.

What am I doing to help the world grow better?

Do I really care whether the world grows better or not?

If all the world were like me, would it be growing better or worse?

A Cluster of Quotations.

There is a budding to-morrow in midnight.
—Keats.

Courage open wide the gates has flung,
To meet the King who still returneth ever.
—Woolson.

Still through our paltry stir and strife,
Glow down the wished ideal;
And longing molds in clay what lie
Carves in the marble real.—Lowell.

Hope evermore, and believe, O man, for e'en
as thy thought

So are the things that thou seest, e'en as thy
hope and belief.—Clough.

Endeavor Afloat.

Your society may engage in forming Floating societies, if it is near a large lake or river or the ocean. Get permission from the captain, go on board in force, young men and young women, call the sailors together, hold a brief, breezy service, explain what Christian Endeavor is, and tell what it has done for other sailors; read them the pledge, as necessarily modified for the sailor, who can not regularly attend the services of any church; and then ask for signatures. Before the ship leaves port, aid in the organizing of the sailors who sign, into a society, however small, and give them a full supply of Chris-

tian Endeavor guide-books for all the kinds of committee work they will need, as well as for the officers. These societies may well be small at first, but they are sure to grow. Keep in touch with them by correspondence, and send them little reminders from time to time—a work in which inland societies also may engage.

Sun and Shadow.

It is the sun that makes the shadows possible beloved; do not forget that! So shalt thou learn the first of all needed lessons for dark days! When it is midnight even, the sun has not gone out; the dark old earth has rolled its bulk between its face and the sun; it is dark because it is in its own shadow. How often, O my soul, hast thou turned thy back upon God and mourned because thou wert in darkness! Turn thee to the Light, my soul! Thy sun shall not go down, however dark the clouds above thee! Nay, as the moon and earth light each other because they face a common sun, so shalt thou give God's reflected light to other souls in present need and thou thyself shalt see God's light in their face when cometh the hour of darkness.—W. E. Barton, D. D.

Daily Readings.

- Mon., Sept. 12.—A redeemed world.
Rom. 5: 12-21.
- Tues., " 13.—Satan is overthrown.
1 John 3: 1-8.
- Wed., " 14.—Christ its Savior.
Matt. 28: 16-20.
- Thur., " 15.—Is being made new.
2 Pet. 3: 10-13.
- Fri., " 16.—Is Christ's world.
John 1: 1-13.
- Sat., " 17.—He has power in it.
Ps. 8: 1-9.
- Sun., " 18.—Topic—How the world is growing better.
Ps. 37: 1-13. Ecl. 1: 10.

"Thy Kingdom Come."

A soldier of the English army declared that they could place a proclamation given to them in the hand of every soul in the world inside of eighteen months. The Church of Christ has failed to do it in eighteen hundred years. But the happy sign is that she is waking up to the consciousness that she can do it. We believe that it will speedily be done. When the Carthaginian troops were investing Rome the spot outside the walls on which stood the tent of Hannibal, the dread invader, was up for sale at auction in the forum. After a brisk competition it was knocked down to a citizen who bid for it a large sum of money. He and the other bidders had faith in the triumph of their armies although the foe was thundering at the gates. Such faith ought every Christian to have in the redemption of this whole world to Christ, since it has been given to him for his inheritance. All who call themselves Christians should see to it that the work is sustained, and should manifest the same faith in the triumph of Christ's kingdom as did those old Romans in the final triumph of their city, though the enemy had shut them up within its walls. Let us take God at his word, and work and live and give accordingly, and upon the ears of the next generation there may break the angelic announcement: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."—Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, D. D.